

highly active on a national level. As a new member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee I quickly learned how well respected Dan was not only in Arkansas but across the country as witnesses would tell me of their appreciation for his work. He has served on numerous organizations from president of the Southeastern Association of State Highway & Transportation Officials and the American Association of State Highway and Transportation to chairman of the American Associations Special Committee on International Activities Coordination, and prior to being president Dan served as chairman of the Associations Subcommittee on Design, Standing Committee on Highways, and as the associations vice-president.

Dan has also earned many accolades for his work. In 2001, the Arkansas Chapter of the Associated General Contractors presented Flowers with its most prestigious award, the Skill, Integrity, and Responsibility Award, SIR, for his outstanding contributions to the industry, and in 2004 the University of Arkansas Department of Civil Engineering dedicated the Dan Flowers Education and Training Facility.

Dan has displayed dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence. I appreciate his friendship and am grateful for his years of service and efforts devoted to the State of Arkansas.●

REMEMBERING JACKIE LEE HOUSTON

● Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in reflecting on the life, accomplishments, and service of the late Jackie Lee Houston—a prominent businesswoman and philanthropist in the Coachella Valley. She passed away on September 14, 2011.

Jackie Lee Houston was born and raised in Seattle, WA. She began modeling as a pre-teen and continued to do so through graduation from the University of Washington, from which she earned a degree in economics and fashion design in 1956. Her modeling led to a television career as Seattle's first female weathercaster, as well as hostess of the "Hoffmann Easy Vision Talent Show." For a brief period, she pursued a professional career in Los Angeles as a model for Oscar-winning fashion designer Edith Head; but eventually she returned to Seattle to marry her college sweetheart, James Houston.

In 2005, Jackie and James purchased CBS affiliate KPSP located in Thousand Palms—at the time, Jackie was one of only two women in the United States who owned a television station. Through public service announcements and profiles, they utilized their community-focused station to promote causes across the Coachella Valley—from helping the homeless to supporting food banks to AIDS research.

A passionate philanthropist, Mrs. Houston quietly helped struggling individuals and her efforts benefitted a

wide array of organizations, projects, and endeavors—including Angel View Crippled Children's Foundation, Palm Springs Stroke Recovery Center, Desert AIDS Project, Palm Springs International Film Festival, Palm Springs Art Museum, McCallum Theatre, Fashion Week El Paseo, and December Festival of Lights parade. She also gave unstintingly of her creativity and time—using her Rolodex and her home to groom a new generation of philanthropists and to organize distinctive red-carpet events that raised millions for charity.

In recognition of Mrs. Houston's profound influence on the Coachella Valley and the inspirational legacy she leaves for the community, the city of Palm Springs will name the new main entry plaza of the Palm Springs Convention Center in her honor.

On a more personal note, it was an honor for me to have known Jackie. She and her husband founded an extraordinary food bank called FIND, which is run by Jackie's daughter-in-law, Lisa Houston. I was honored to visit FIND with Jackie and Jim at FIND's original Cathedral City location in 2009 and again in 2010 at its new home in Indio. I saw her great pride in this particular project which helps so many survive, particularly in this tough economy.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Mrs. Houston. She will be sorely missed by so many, including me.●

TRIBUTE TO MARGARET NACHTIGALL

● Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize and honor the service of Mrs. Margaret Edna Nachtigall upon her retirement as executive director of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association.

Margaret was born on May 18, 1937, to parents Leslie and Edna Coates, in Edgemont, SD. She grew up and spent her childhood on the family ranch near Burdock, SD, which instilled in her a strong work ethic and a love of animals, especially horses and cattle. This love for animals blossomed into volunteer work with community agricultural education and outreach through the 4-H program. She could often be found showing her calves and lambs at the Fall River County Fair in Edgemont and the Western Junior Livestock Show in Rapid City. Her love for horses eventually led her to compete in barrel racing and break-away roping. In 1955, she even ended up fifth in break-away roping at the National High School Finals.

Margaret's insatiable drive for learning, combined with her love of animals, eventually led her into the world of cattle breeding and the role that nutrition plays in reproduction. By the time she began her work for the American Breeder Service her business had grown to the point that she was booked solid during breeding season. That work

ethic and passion extends into everything Margaret does.

Margaret's service to the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association spans many years and has had a significant impact on the association and its members. I have always valued Margaret's insight and input on a number of issues impacting agriculture. She has offered a very important voice on behalf of South Dakota Stockgrowers and agriculture producers over the years and her knowledge, expertise and advice have helped guide me and my staff when it comes to general agriculture, farm and ranch, and trade policy. Her work helped us to finally get a country-of-origin labeling law in place in the 2008 farm bill and she helped to lay the groundwork for the livestock competition rule currently pending with USDA's Grain Inspection, Packers, and Stockyards Administration, GIPSA.

In addition to the valuable input and guidance she has given me over the years, she also served as an effective and well-liked leader of the Stockgrowers Association. As just one testament to Margaret's leadership, Larry Nelson, past president of the organization, has this to say about her: "Margaret has been an asset to the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association as our Executive Director. Her strong work ethic and her commitment to the independent, family-owned ranches of South Dakota have shown through her work. I am grateful for her dedication to advancing the policies of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association and her work to promote our livestock industry."

Margaret's life work on issues that concern cattle producers and their operations has been done because of an intense love for the ranching industry. It is because of the work of people like Margaret that the cattle and ranching industry continues to thrive and maintain its crucial role throughout South Dakota. I am proud to recognize and honor Margaret's retirement from the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association, and am delighted to join with her family and friends in congratulating her on this occasion.●

REMEMBERING VICTOR BUSSIE

● Ms. LANDRIEU. Mr. President, I come before you today to celebrate the life and contributions of one of Louisiana's favorite sons. This week the citizens of Louisiana are remembering the monumental life of Mr. Victor Bussie. Mr. Bussie passed away Sunday, September 4, 2011, at the age of 92. He was laid to rest in Baton Rouge, LA last Friday. Mr. Bussie was buried not far from our State Capitol, where he fought tirelessly for more 50 years to strengthen and uphold the rights of working men and women in Louisiana and across the Nation.

A hero to thousands, the scourge of some, and ally for many; Mr. Bussie spent a lifetime fighting side-by-side with like-minded men and women. He